

Operations - Regulatory (2010-05299-WMS)

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

DATE: April 7, 2011

SUBJECT: G-TAC Pre-Application Meeting

1. On April 7, 2011, Tamara Cameron, Jeff Olson and Bill Sande participated in a meeting with Tim Myers (GTac) and Dave Siebert (WDNR). Myers presented a map that showed a preliminary footprint of the mine, tailings disposal area and processing facility located on approximately 4,000 acres in Iron County, Wisconsin.
2. Myers explained that G-Tac had applied to the WDNR for an exploration license to allow drilling to gather additional data on the composition of the ore body as needed to further develop a plan. G-Tac proposes to perform the drilling within the footprint of an existing road to minimize impacts. Myers also indicated they were in the process of hiring consultant to delineate wetlands and mentioned work would begin in the summer of 2011.
3. Cameron, Olson & Sande provided an explanation of the Corps permit process; coordination with SHPO/THPO under Section 106 of the NHPA, FWS under Section 7 of the ESA, and the state for the development of a Joint Federal/State EIS. There was discussion of permit evaluation/EIS development timeframes involved in some of the mining proposals in Minnesota. We recommended G-Tac contact us to schedule another meeting when a consultant is contracted to ensure they collect information we would need for our subsequent evaluation.

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